

Commissioning of USS Virginia (SSN 774)



Vice Admiral Charles L. Munns Commander, Naval Submarine Forces Commander, Allied Submarines

Vice Admiral Munns began his naval career at the U.S. Naval Academy, graduating with distinction in 1973 with a Bachelor of Science degree, majoring in physics. Early tours included assignments as Division Officer, USS Seadragon (SSN-584) from November 1974 to May 1978; Instructor, NROTC Unit University of Colorado from August 1978 to December 1980; Engineer, USS Ethan Allen (SSN-608) from August 1981 to March 1983; Navigator, USS New York City (SSN-696) from May 1983 to October 1984; Executive Officer, USS Florida (SSBN-728) (BLUE) from January 1985 to January 1987; and Executive Assistant to the Deputy Chief of Staff, CINCPACFLT from February 1987 to March 1989.

Vice Adm. Munns' first command assignment was as Commanding Officer of USS Richard B. Russell (SSN-687) from April 1990 to October 1992. During his command, the ship was awarded a Presidential Unit Citation, two Navy Unit Commendations and three consecutive Battle "E" Awards.

Following this tour, Vice Adm. Munns completed a Pentagon tour from November 1992 to July 1994 with assignments on the OPNAV Staff working for the Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Plans, Policy and Operations (N3/N5) first in the Strategic Concepts Branch (N513), then as the Branch Head Nuclear Affairs and International Negotiations Branch (N514) and lastly for the Strategy and Policy Division (N51).

Vice Adm. Munns was then assigned to Major Command as Commander, Submarine Development Squadron TWELVE from July 1994 to August 1995 and was responsible for the operations, maintenance and training of eight nuclear submarines and for tactical development for the submarine force. In September 1995, he was selected as a CNO Strategic Studies Group Fellow. His nine-month

tasking was to create innovative operational concepts for Naval Operations in 2025 and beyond. From this post at the Naval War College, he was detailed to serve from July 1996 to May 1998 as Chief of Staff, Commander Submarine Force U. S. Pacific Fleet.

Vice Adm. Munns' first Flag Officer tour was as Deputy Chief of Staff for C4I, Resources, Requirements, and Assessments (N6N8) on the staff of the Commander-in-Chief, U. S. Pacific Fleet from April 1998 through May 2000, where he acted as the Pacific Fleet Chief Information Officer and Chief Financial Officer. In June 2000, Rear Adm. Munns was named Commander Submarine Group Eight; Commander Submarines, Allied Naval Forces South; Commander, Submarine Force SIXTH Fleet (CTF 69); and Commander, Fleet Ballistic Missile Submarine Force (CTF 164), based in Naples, Italy. In February 2002, Vice Adm. Munns was named Director, Navy Marine Corps Intranet (NMCI), responsible for implementation of NMCI, the Department of Navy's initiative to purchase standard information technology (IT) services via a commercial contract.

Vice Adm. Munns received a Masters of Science degree in Computer Science from the University of Colorado in December 1980 and attended MIT's Seminar XXI on Foreign Politics and International Relations from September 1993 to June 1994.

His personal decorations include the Distinguished Service Medal (Two Awards), Legion of Merit (Four Awards), Meritorious Service Medal (Two Awards), Navy Commendation Medal (Three Awards), and the Navy Achievement Medal.